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AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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BEIRUT FOR RTDO

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SUBJECT: BLDG MATERIALS EXHIBITION

REF: A. STATE 244322; B. JIDDA 5842; C. JIDDA 5603;

D. JIDDA 5042

1. REF A, EVIDENTLY SENT HERE VIA POUCH, NOT YET RECEIVED DIRECTLY BUT FORWARDED TO US BY DHAHRAN.

2. REFS B, C, AND D ASKED FOR USDOC REACTION TO PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES TO RENTAL OF EXHIBITION HALL IN VIEW OF NON-EXISTENCE OF SUITABLE FACILITY IN RIYADH. (ALTERNATIVES WERE: (A) USE OF TENTS; (B) PUTTING UP OUR OWN STRUCTURE; (C) MOVING LOCATION OT DHAHRAN WHERE THE AL-GOSAIBI HOTEL IS AVAILABLE. EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO PROCEED WITH CONFIRMATION OF SITE BECAUSE OF LACK OF USDOC REPLY TO THESE PROPOSALS. THUS ACTION ON POINTS A, B, AND C OF PARA 3 REF A AWAIT USDOC INDICATION OF PREFERENCE.

3. TRDO LEFEAVER HAS MADE SEVERAL TRIPS HERE FOR THIS ACTIVITY, AND WE UNDERSTOOD THAT HE WOULD BE REPORTING ON VARIOUS OTHER LOGISTICAL ISSUES, INCLUDING THOSE RAISED IN POINTS D AND E OF PARA 3 REF. A.

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4. RE POINT F, EMBASSY HAD EARLIER DISCUSSED PROPOSAL FOR EXHIBITION IN GENERAL TERMS WITH MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND RECEIVED FAVORABLE REACTION. DO NOT FEEL APPROPRIATE TO PRESS FOR FURTHER ACTIVE SAG COOPERATION UNTIL WE CAN CONFIRM DECISION TO GO AHEAD; BUT ARE CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL RECEIVE FULLEST CO-OPERATION POSSIBLE WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF SAUDI BUREAUCRACY.

5. NOTE THAT DHAHRAN REPORTS HOTEL SITE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR THE ASKING. SUGGEST, HOWEVER, THAT USDOC CHOOSE ONE OF OPTIONS ABOVE IN RIYADH AND HAVE RTDO NEGOTIATE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS. WE ARE OF COURSE PREPARED TO HELP. THIS EXHIBIT SHOULD CERTAINLY BE HELD, GIVEN THE HIGH INTEREST ON BOTH SIDES.
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